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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATION (CU/ARTS); MCCOY TYNER

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1. POST ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN EXPLORING VERY POSSIBLE ASPECT OF FINANCING TYNER VISIT IN VIEW OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE OF BICENTENNIAL YEAR, AMERICAN LIBRARY'S AMERICAN MUSIC FESTIVAL AND FACT, THROUGH NO FAULT OF OURS OF DEPARTMENT'S, THAT ONLY ONE NOTED AMERICAN PERFORMER IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO APPEAR THIS YEAR IN BUCHAREST. WITH FULL RECOGNITION OF AND APPRECIATION FOR CU/ARTS EFFORTS TO SUPPORT MAJOR BICENTENNIAL-RELATED PERFORMANCES HERE, FACT REMAINS THAT ONLY GRACE BUMBRY IS SCHEDULED SO FAR. THUS POST FEELS TYNER PROGRAM TAKES ON MORE THAN USUAL SIGNIFICANCE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF AMERICAN REPUTATION IN JAZZ BUT ALSO BECAUSE HIS AVAILABILITY REPRESENTS THIS YEAR'S FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL APPEARANCE OF WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN PERFORMER. WHILE WE NEITHER AGREE WITH THE LEVEL OF ARIA'S FINANCIAL OFFER NOR CONDONE ARIA'S NEGOTIATING STYLE, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT TYNER'S APPEARANCES WOULD SERVE LOCAL PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND HENCE JUSTIFY OUR REQUEST FOR MAXIMUM POSSIBLE CU FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. WHILE POST UNAWARE OF EXACT DETAILS OF DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH GEORGE WEIN, WE HOPE THAT
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COMBINED ARIA AND POST GOE OFFERS (TOTAL DLS.4,500)

CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED SO AS TO PERMIT LOCAL CONCERTS. WEIN
MAY BE WILLING TO LOWER PRICE SOMEWHAT WHILE ARIA MAY AGREE
TO INCREASE THEIR OFFER. ALTHOUGH WE THINK LATTER PROSPECT
UNLIKELY, WE WILL PRESS ARIA NONETHELESS.

3. GIVEN ARIA'S LIMITATIONS ON USING TAROM AND WEIN'S
REFUSAL TO ACCEPT TRAIN TRANSPORTATION, POST WILL PURSUE
ANOTHER SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IF FUNDING SITUATION
CAN BE RESOLVED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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